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SUNDAY MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

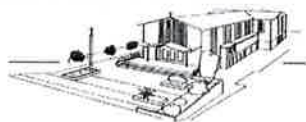
Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

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SUNDAY MASSES

Matraville

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sea Sunday

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Alex Pekin, Brian Hetherington,
Jim Tomlinson, and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: George Kerbage, Dot Goggin, Fr Brian Yates,
Robert and Helena Dwyer, Daisy Joseph, Jenny Moy, Moyah
Buckley, Dr Ralph Baccash, Yolande & Robert Aquilina, Lydia & Joe Bujeya, Marie & Fawzi
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You are invited to read the reflections by Fr Paul on our website.

Please pray for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick.

Please keep the physical distance of 1.5metres at all times.

*ie. When seated, standing and when walking.
(Family members may sit closer to each other)*

Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work on the sea.
Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic
Church. Today's Appeal supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. During the COVID-
19 pandemic, seafarers have been stranded away from their families.
To support this ministry, please send your donations to: bit.ly/seasundayaustralia

*Let us pray for all families of seafarers who struggle
with many months of separation from their loved ones.*

Thank you to those who brought items for the seafarers a few weeks ago.

St. Andrew's and St. Vincent de Paul RECEIPTS for tax purposes
are now available at the back of the church.

Please pass on the following information either by phoning, texting, emails
or putting the bulletin in their letter boxes.

Increase of numbers allowed at our Masses

However, in keeping with Government regulations, we are now limited to
100 people at each Mass at Matraville and at Malabar

Please: Those who are unwell or at high risk should not attend.

During this time of limited numbers, you are **most welcome** to attend
a weekday mass if unable to attend on the weekend.

Please sign in and use the sanitiser every time on your way in.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for St. Andrew's

Please pick up your new set of envelopes at the back of the church.
**You are encouraged to stay in or join the Planned Giving Program
even if you will not be claiming a tax deduction.**

Sincere thanks to those who have continued their **Financial Support**

If you wish to help, you can make a direct deposit into our bank account:

Matraville – St Agnes

BSB: 062 784

Account: 0496 5001

Malabar – St Andrew

BSB: 062 784

Account: 0428 5001

or place cash/cheque into an envelope and mark it 'for Malabar' or 'for Matraville'.

40 days Memorial Mass in loving memory of **George KERBAGE** on Sat. 11 July at 5pm

Funeral for the late **Alex Pekin** will be on **Wed. 15 July**, 11am at Malabar
Funeral for the late **Brian Hetherington** will be on **Fri. 17 July**, 11am at Malabar

Please note: No 7am and Sat. morning mass at Matraville this week.



You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter form 13:1-9.

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AGAINST BEING DISCOURAGED

Adopting the shorter form of today's Gospel, let us concentrate on the riches contained in the parable of the Sower taken simply by itself.

Jesus probably told the parable to counter discouragement among his disciples stemming from the poor response his message was receiving from many quarters.

So, taking a familiar image from agricultural practice of his day, Jesus pointed to the very casual way in which those going out to sow a crop scattered the seed about. By no means all of it landed in good soil. Quite a bit could land in the three situations – on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns – resulting in the loss described.

Isn't this all rather wasteful? Not at all! The sower knows that each seed that falls on good soil will bear a yield many times in excess of itself: a hundredfold, sixty or thirty. This abundance so vastly outweighs the losses that he can afford to be casual and wild.

Like the sower, Jesus scatters his message far and wide. In the case of many who hear him the word suffers the fate of the seed that is lost. But when it really strikes home and finds a welcome, the corresponding 'yield' – hundredfold, sixty, thirty – more than compensates for all the loss.

In the face of opposition and indifference, Jesus does not lose confidence. When the word finds a generous response in the human heart, there is no limit to the riches of God's love and grace that can be channeled through such persons into the world.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Isa 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth give growth.

'Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 64:10-14. R. 1k. 8:8

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, / you fill it with riches. / Your river in heaven brims over / to provide its grain. **R.**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; / you drench its furrows, / you level it, soften it with showers, / you bless its growth. **R.**
3. You crown the year with your goodness. / Abundance flows in your steps, / in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**
4. The hills are girded with joy, / the meadows covered with flocks, / the valleys are decked with wheat. / They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory

as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; / all who come to him will live for ever. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but for anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: